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SUBJECT: UN COMMITTEE OF 24 (C-24) AND PUERTO RICO:
FOREIGN ECONOMIC ACTIVITIES

1. DURING THE C-24'S AUGUST 23 AFTERNOON SESSION ON FOREIGN ECONOMIC ACTIVITIES, THE CUBAN REP BROUGHT UP PUERTO RICO IN PASSING. WE UNDERSTAND FROM SECRETARIAT OFFICIAL, NORWEGIAN MISOFF FINBORUD AND AUSTRALIAN MISOFF REID THAT CUBAN SPOKE ALONG FOLLOWING LINES: FOREIGN ECONOMIC INVESTMENT IN PUERTO RICO AND THE DEBT STRUCTURE HAVE RUINED THE AGRICULTURE SECTOR OF THE ECONOMY, LED TO THREE TIMES THE LEVEL OF UNEMPLOYMENT THAT EXISTS IN THE METROPOL AND CAUSED EXTENSIVE EMIGRATION TO THE US, WHERE PUERTO RICANS LIVE IN THE GHETTO OF SOUTH HARLEM.

2. FINBORUD SAID THAT THERE WAS NO SPECIFIC MENTION OF PUERTO RICO IN THE DRAFT RECOMMENDATIONS AND CONCLUSIONS ON THE FOREIGN ECONOMIC INTERESTS ITEM, WHICH WERE CIRCULATED ON AUGUST 23. SHE SAID THAT THE LIST OF SPEAKERS ON THE ITEM WILL CLOSE ON AUGUST 24 AND ANTICIPATES THAT THE ITEM WILL BE COMPLETED LATER IN THE WEEK. REID SAID THAT HE WAS SURE THERE
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WOULD BE NO REFLECTION OF THE CUBAN STATEMENT IN

THE RECOMMENDATIONS AND CONCLUSIONS ON FOREIGN
ECONOMIC ACTIVITIES AND ADDED THAT HE WOULD HAVE
INTERVENED ON A POINT OF ORDER IF MORE THAN A
PASSING REFERENCE TO PUERTO RICO HAD BEEN MADE.
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